

MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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The 2015 Special Olympics World Games (World Games) will be held in the City of Los Angeles in the summer of 2015. The World Games is an event of significant national scale and importance, and will commence on July 21, 2015 with the Opening Ceremony to be held at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. It is anticipated that for nine days 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177 countries will participate in the 25 events, at 27 venues, including the University of California Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Griffith Park, the Los Angeles Convention Center and other locations throughout the City and surrounding communities. The Opening Ceremonies alone are expected to draw an estimated 90,000 spectators, with world-wide dignitaries, including President Obama and the First Lady.

The size of the events, the number of simultaneous events at various venues across Los Angeles, the number of participants and media attention, will require World Games organizers to undertake and execute complex and unique planning, logistics and security activities. The World Games will be the most significant and complex occurrence in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. The World Games will require a high degree of coordination and cooperation between and among local, state and federal agencies.

To ensure the success of the World Games, various private and public agencies have provided financial assistance. While the City has provided personnel support for planning operations (security and emergency medical), the City has not made a pledge of financial assistance. It is now time to make such a pledge.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Clerk be instructed to place on the Council Agenda for July 1, 2015, or soon thereafter as possible a recommendation to appropriate, subject to the approval of the Mayor, \$250,000 from the Unappropriated Balance to the Department of Recreation and Parks to support the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

PRESENTED BY:


TOM LABONGE

Councilman, 4th District

SECONDED BY:

June 19, 2015

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JUNE 30th

